

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Automatic selection of best shots from among a plurality of photographic images is enabled, while retaining photographic images of scenes, for which a 5 possibility exists that a user feels are necessary, regardless of image quality. A readout portion reads out a plurality of photographic images, which are recorded on a memory card. A classifying portion classifies these photographic images into similar photographic image groups, 10 which include similar photographic images. A selection condition setting portion of an extracting portion sets selection conditions so that at least one qualified photographic image is selected from each similar photographic image group. The extracting portion extracts 15 qualified photographic image groups from each similar photographic image group, based on the set selection conditions. A printing portion prints only the qualified photographic images, and a recording portion records the qualified photographic images and other photographic 20 images in different folders of a CD-R.